

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0379_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Taxi costs

a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?

Answer

a) For the period 1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014, the Department of Employment¹ spent \$44,913.82 on taxi costs.

A breakdown by each business group is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to generate.

b) Taxis are utilised where they provide the most cost-effective transport option to deliver the outcomes of the department, including where staff are interstate on business.

¹ For the 2013-14 financial year, costs associated with Corporate and the State Office Network functions of the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations cannot be simply attributed to the individual new departments. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.